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SUBJ: ENERGY: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR ENERGY CONFERENCE
INFORMATION

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1. PENDING A RESPONSE TO REFTEL REQUESTING A SUMMARY OF
ENERGY CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS, IN REPLY TO
THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST, I BELIEVED IT ADVISABLE IN THE
INTEREST OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO SEND
HIM A LETTER SUMMARIZING U.S. ARRANGEMENTS TO KEEP THE GOS
INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS OF LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

FOLLOWING THE LAST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING,
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YOU EXPRESSED TO ME A DESIRE THAT THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE UNITED STATES INSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN IS KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF THE ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING ON THE ENERGY CONFERENCE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11 TO PREPARE FOR AN EVENTUAL MEETING ON ENERGY PROBLEMS BETWEEN CONSUMING COUNTRIES AND OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 11 CONFERENCE AND A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP IN BRUSSELS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR A MEETING WITH THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES COULD BEST BE DONE THROUGH THE OECD AND THE IMF WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF STUDIES RESERVED TO THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP ITSELF. THIS SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO INITIATE A PROCEDURE CONSTITUTING THE FIRST RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE UNITED STATES, IT WAS ARRANGED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE OECD, THE SPANISH REPRESENTATIVE, MR CALLEJA, WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP WHEN THESE RELATE TO THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR A FUTURE CONFERENCE WITH THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. THROUGH THIS PROCEDURE THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN HAS ACCESS TO INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP AND THE ENERGY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

A MORE RECENT PROCEDURE FOR KEEPING YOU INFORMED IS THE ARRANGEMENT MADE FOR WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES TO BRIEF THE AMBASSADOR OR OTHER SPANISH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES AS EVENTS MAY REQUIRE. THE MOST RECENT BRIEFING WAS HELD ON APRIL 12, AT WHICH TIME UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON INFORMED THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, JOAQUIN CERVINO, ABOUT THE APRIL 3-4 MEETING OF THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP IN BRUSSELS.

I HOPE THAT THESE TWO PROCEDURES ARE PROVIDING YOU THE INFORMATION YOU WANT TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE WORK IN THE ENERGY FIELD. UNQUOTE.
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